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SUBJ: RUPEES: ST. JOHNS

REF: STATE 258728

1. WE APPRECIATE YOUR VERY COMPLETE REPLY. AS MIGHT BE EXPECTED WE DO NOT CONCUR FULLY AND, IN ANY CASE, EVEN USING YOUR ASSUMPTIONS SEE NO SHORTAGE OF PL 480 RUPEES. DETAILS FOLLOW.

2. ISSUE OF RS. 56 MILLION IS HIGHLY TECHNICAL AND OUR QUESTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS WILL BE COVERED IN A SEPARATE LETTER.

3. WE CAN CONFIRM THAT SINCE JULY 1, 1974 ALL JOINT RESEARCH PROJECTS (WITH EXCEPTION OF OFFICE OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT) HAVE BEEN FINANCED FROM RUPEE ACCOUNT. NOTIONALLY, HOWEVER, THEY WILL BE ASCRIBED TO COOLEY A FOR PURPOSES OF UTILIZING OUR CREDIT UNDER THIS ACCOUNT. IF WE UNDERSTAND YOUR MESSAGE CORRECTLY WE AGREE THAT RS. 37 MILLION CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR COOLEY B EXPENDITURES.

4. OUR ESTIMATES OF COOLEY REFLows WERE PREPARED BY AID CONTROLLER HERE. RATHER THAN TRYING TO SECOND GUESS HIM
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WE SUGGEST HIS DATA BE USED. USING THESE DATA AND NOTIONALLY CREDITING COOLEY B WITH RS. 37 MILLION FROM COOLEY A JOINT

RESEARCH WE FIND A SUBSTANTIAL SURPLUS OF RS. 85 MILLION IN COOLEY B (EVEN IF RS. 56 MILLION ATTRIBUTION CONCEPT IS NOT ACCEPTED).

5. RATHER THAN DEBATING THE NUMBER FURTHER WE SUGGEST WE OPERATE FROM THE FACTS, I.E., RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES IN COOLEY B. ST. JOHNS FUNDING WOULD THEN OCCUR AS QUICKLY AS IS FINANCIALLY POSSIBLE.

6. WE RECOMMEND FOLLOWING SPECIFIC ACTIONS:

A. INITIATE AND COMPLETE INTERNAL USG ACTIONS REQUIRED FOR ST. JOHNS GRANT. IT WOULD BE IN OUR INTEREST TO MAKE FUNDING AVAILABLE ASAP DUE TO INFLATIONARY PRESSURE IN INDIA BUT ACTUAL DISBURSEMENTS WOULD TAKE PLACE WHEN POSSIBLE.

B. SUPPORT LIBRARY OF CONGRESS EFFORTS TO SECURE PERMANENT AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE NON-PL 480 RUPEES.

C. INITIATE FBO EFFORTS TO SECURE PERMANENT AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE NON-PL 480 RUPEES.

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